

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes (DRAFT) of Board Meeting held on 3/17/16 at the Vets Hall at 3:30pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Sandy Laughner; Susan Roney. Absent: Hank Hallas (Alternate).

- The draft minutes of the last board meeting held on 2/17/16 were approved as presented.
- Bonnie McCarthy presented the Treasurer's Report, noting the approval of the \$1000 appropriation approved by voters at the March, 2016 Town Meeting. Funds in the treasury will be focused on highest priority projects on the commission's agenda for the coming year.
- The Commission then discussed the status and next step on those high priority projects.
 - Richmond Public Library (Belfry Project) – Carol Jameson will contact Deb Gagne of the NH Division of Historical Resources to discuss applying for a Moose Plate Grant and will begin drafting same. Carol will also meet with the RPL board to discuss collaboration between that organization and the RHC to move this project forward. Bob Weekes will contact Dan Simmington regarding a cost estimate.
 - Brewer Park - Bob Weekes will develop a preliminary site plan and timetable for RHC discussion by the next board meeting, after which we will schedule a meeting with Donna Brewer to present our thoughts to the extended Brewer family and explore ways to fund this project. In the meantime Bob and Sandy Laughner will contact Marcus Beauregard regarding an antique pump he is willing to donate to this project. Carol will discuss with the BOS and RCDA moving the town kiosks to the former 4 Corner store lot across the street when appropriate.
 - Martin Mills artifacts – we have not been able to find storage space yet for the pail machinery in any town buildings. The Parks and Recreation Committee has deferred discussion of sharing space in the former 4 Corners shed until it is moved to its new location in Amidon Park and they have had a chance to determine how much space they will need.
 - Town Signage – Carol will advise the BOS that the RHC recommends that two signs, one identifying the location of the Town Hall and the second giving a brief history of the Richmond Tramp House be produced first. With BOS approval, the RHC will steer this project although the town will fund it out of this year's approved budget.
 - Telephone Building – at the present time, the town will not provide funds to repair or restore this town-owned building. The RHC will contact Pam Bielunis who knows a person who can provide information on this building's history. Other than that it seems that the Heritage Commission will have to put this project on the back burner.

- Landscaping – with spring approaching, the RHC will begin planning landscaping work at the Tramp House, Town Hall, Vets Hall and the new Brewer Park. Carol will contact Steve LaFlam about installing landscape timbers at the Tramp House and Brewer Park.
- Tramp House – Commission members brainstormed ideas for community and educational events that might be held at the Tramp House Museum. Members will follow up with the Richmond Public Library, Jenna Carroll and Ed Atkins.
- Two members of the Heritage Commission whose terms expire this year agreed to re-up. Their names will be submitted to the BOS for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Bob Weekes, Secretary